

BOOK PUBLISHERS

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1995-96 KEY FIGURES

	<i>Largest 20 businesses by total turnover</i>	<i>Remainder by total turnover</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of organisations	20	194	214
Sales of all books (\$m)	730.2	219.8	950.0
Sales of other products (\$m)	187.9	29.3	217.2
Total turnover (\$m)	984.2	272.6	1 256.8
Average turnover per business (\$m)	49.2	1.4	5.9
Wages & salaries paid (\$m)	153.6	47.5	201.1
Royalties & fees paid (\$m)	46.1	18.9	65.0
Total costs (\$m)	833.6	253.8	1 087.4
Average costs per business (\$m)	41.7	1.3	5.1
Opening stocks (\$m)	188.8	68.9	257.7
Closing stocks (\$m)	199.5	70.8	270.3
Stocks to book sales ratio (%)	27.3	32.2	28.5
Sales of Australian titles (\$m)	395.0	166.1	561.1
Royalties & fees paid per Australian book sale (%)	11.7	11.4	11.6
Employment - males (no.)	1 554	586	2 140
Employment - females (no.)	2 439	1 004	3 443
Persons working per business (no.)	199.7	8.2	26.1
Wages & salaries per person employed (\$'000)	38.5	29.9	36.0
Operating profit before tax (\$m)	161.3	20.7	181.9
Profit margin (%)	16.4	7.6	14.5

NOTES

INTRODUCTION

This publication presents the results of a data collection from businesses which employed staff and were predominantly engaged in book publishing in 1995-96. Information was collected on the financial and employment data of the organisations in the collection as well as information on the numbers of books published and sold by type.

DETAILED DATA

More detailed data, including dissections by category of book, are available from the National Centre for Culture and Recreation Statistics on Adelaide 08 8237 7449.

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